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**Interfaith Children's Movement Honors DECAL Commissioner Bobby Cagle**

*Cagle recognized for efforts to protect the health and safety of children in Georgia*

**ATLANTA, Ga., (November 1, 2012)** – Bobby Cagle, commissioner of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, was recently honored by the Interfaith Children's Movement for his efforts to protect the health and safety of children in Georgia. The award was presented at the organization's prayer breakfast held October 24, 2012, at The Temple in Midtown Atlanta.

"Commissioner Bobby Cagle has shown a genuine compassion for children who are at the most vulnerable stage -- early childhood," said Bettieanne Hart, Board Chair for Interfaith Children's Movement. "His efforts to raise the standards of care that our children receive are to be commended. Interfaith Children's Movement supports Commissioner Cagle's mission to make Georgia a safe and healthy place for all children."

Also honored at the event were Georgia Fifth-District Congressman John Lewis, who was also keynote speaker for the breakfast; Rome State Representative Katie Dempsey; and Clayton County Chief Juvenile Court Judge Steven Teske.

"This was a great honor coming from the Interfaith Children's Movement and I am humbled by their recognition," said Commissioner Cagle. "I sincerely appreciate ICM's support and partnership in protecting our state's youngest learners."

### **About Interfaith Children's Movement**

The Interfaith Children's Movement (ICM) is founded on the conviction that people of all faiths can, and must, work together — across boundaries of religious institutions and spiritual practices — to improve the lives and well-being of all children. ICM calls upon the thousands of faith communities to put their faith in action and bring their compassion and commitment to the fight against social inequities that threaten our children's ability to realize their potential.

ICM has created a comprehensive, action-oriented, results approach to advocacy. Through its Faith in Action program, ICM focuses on eight work areas that affect the well-being of all children: Poverty, Education, Health Care, Juvenile Justice, Child Care/Child Protection, Parental Nurture, Child Advocacy (Public Policy) and Immigration. Out of these work areas, ICM advocates on behalf of Georgia's children at the services level and at the policy level by engaging faith communities in servicing the needs of children and calling for justice.

### **About Bright from the Start**

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia's children and their families. It administers the nationally recognized Georgia's Pre-K Program, licenses child care centers and home-based child care, administers Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program, federal nutrition programs, and manages voluntary quality enhancement programs.

The department also houses the Head Start State Collaboration Office, distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care, and works collaboratively with Georgia child care resource and referral agencies and organizations throughout the state to enhance early care and education. For more information, go to [www.decal.ga.gov](http://www.decal.ga.gov).



DECAL Commissioner Bobby Cagle (left) accepts award from Bettieanne Hart, Board Chair, Interfaith Children's Movement.